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IDOT Installs New Feature at Key Ramps in Chicago Area

Speed Indicator Boards Aim to Reduce Speed-Related Crashes

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that a new safety feature will be installed at various expressway ramps in the Chicago area over the next couple months. Speed indicator boards will be installed in five locations in District 1, which includes Cook, Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage, and Will counties, targeting ramps with a history of speed-related crashes. The installation project is part of a host of safety improvements being implemented to reduce speeds and improve safety on all Illinois roads.

The advisory speed signs will alert motorists of their speed in an effort to reduce roadway departure crashes on ramps. The speed indicator boards are a first for District 1, but have been implemented downstate with early results showing a noticeable decrease in crashes.

Beginning this week, speed indicator boards will be installed at the following ramp locations:

- Northbound Interstate 55 to northbound Interstate 294
- Southbound Interstate 55 to Arsenal Road
- Northbound Illinois 53 to westbound Lake Cook Road
- Northbound Illinois 53 to eastbound Lake Cook Road
- Eastbound Interstate 290 to eastbound Illinois 64/eastbound U.S. 20 North Ave/Lake Street

Installation of the radar speed warning signs will require daytime shoulder closures. Each location will take approximately 3-4 days to complete. The overall project is expected to be completed in Fall 2016. It is funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through these areas. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click [here](#) to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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